

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF OFFICERS AND LIAISONS**  
**GOVERNMENT APPOINTED HISTORIANS OF WNY**

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Roycroft Inn, East Aurora, N.Y.

Individuals present: Amie Alden, (Livingston County Historian), Cindy Amrhein (Deputy Wyoming County Historian), Doris Bannister (Wyoming County Historian) Larry Barnes (City of Batavia Historian), Candace Broughton (Otto Town Historian), Carol Coburn (Ogden Town Historian), Susan Conklin (Genesee County Historian), Rob Goller (Aurora Town Historian), Larry Haseley (Lockport Town Historian), Michelle Henry (Chautauqua County Historian), Rondus Miller (Hume Town Historian), and Preston Pierce (Ontario County Historian).

<b>Historian</b>	<b>Historian For</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Liaison For</b>
Amie Alden	Livingston Co.	Treasurer	Livingston County
Cindy Amrhein	Wyoming Co. Deputy	Webmaster	
Doris Bannister	Wyoming Co.	Vice Chair	Wyoming County
Larry Barnes	City of Batavia	Secretary	
Candace Broughton	Town of Otto		Cattaraugus County
Carol Coburn	Town of Ogden		Monroe County
Susan Conklin	Genesee Co.	Chair	Genesee County
Rob Goller	Town of Aurora		Erie County
Larry Haseley	Town of Lockport		Niagara County
Michelle Henry	Chautauqua Co.		Chautauqua County
Rondus Miller	Town of Hume		Allegany County
Preston Pierce	Ontario Co.		Ontario County

The meeting was opened at 11:07 a.m. by Susan Conklin.

Progress Report

By-Laws and an Ethics Code are in place. A bank account has been opened with Five Star Bank. A sales tax ID number has also been obtained.

### Logo

Amie A. distributed images she had printed of a proposed logo that Cindy A. created and that utilized the famed crystal beaver awarded at past western New York meetings. Doris B. moved and Amie A. seconded a motion to adopt the proposed logo. The motion passed unanimously. Members present were given copies suitable for framing.

In a subsequent discussion concerning the crystal beaver, it was generally agreed to continue awarding it to the county having the largest number of members present at a semi-annual meeting. However, there was also a desire to provide some sort of recognition to the county having the greatest percentage of its members present. Members were asked to generate suggestions for a suitable means of recognizing the latter.

Also discussed were ways in which the crystal beaver could be used to promote the organization such as by incorporating it into pictures taken around the region. This led to a concern as to whether the object might be protected by copyright laws. Both Cindy A. and Sue C. will investigate this matter. If there are no problems, we will seek to incorporate the logo.

### Web Site

Cindy A., using her laptop for the purpose, presented the work she has done thus far on developing a web site. Among items to be included on the site are:

- Links to historians (both members and non-members).

- Other links to useful sites.

- Awards and recipients.

- An e-mail contact.

- Mission statement.

- Grants.

- An events calendar

- A "how-to" page.

- Section 57.00 of the Arts and Cultural Affairs law.

- Meeting minutes.

- Officers.

- Frequent questions and their answers.

- A map of our service area.

1. Five or so pictures representative of their own areas.
2. Five Notable/Famous People include a brief bio and an image
3. List of museums and historical societies
4. Information for the Learning Page – if you have a written “how-to” or other information that would be of interest to historians

The web site can be inspected by going to [www.GAHWNY.org](http://www.GAHWNY.org). We have \$125 invested, so far, which will cover hosting for one year.

### Calendar

It was decided to hold two regional meetings each year, one in the Spring and the other in the Fall. Sue C. will send out a proposed structure for the meetings. At this point, the structure is likely to include registration, a presentation, business meeting, lunch, and two more presentations.

It was generally accepted that one meeting should be in Batavia as it was considered the center location for our organization and has a NYS Thruway Exit. The second will be held elsewhere in western New York.

Meeting committees will be created to plan and arrange for each meeting.

### To-Do List

There was general discussion regarding the merits of incorporating, seeking not-for-profit status, and achieving tax exempt status. The consensus was that these matters should be left for future consideration.

### Other

The group informally extended its congratulations to the former Otto Town Historian who is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

It was noted that the Bennington Town Historian has died.

It was also noted that APHNYS has not yet appointed a Region 12 coordinator.

### Adjournment

